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## Quick Read

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### Team members lost

**Barbara Ann (Drury) Blocker**, 62, of Ath, Belgium, died June 17 in Mons, Belgium. Blocker, the wife of USAG Benelux's Chuck Blocker, was born Oct. 28, 1942 in Rio Grande City, Texas. The daughter of Carolyn Sandlin of Andrews Texas and J.B.



**Blocker**

Drury (deceased). She is survived by her husband, Chuck Blocker; daughters Kathy Sidle of Sparta, Wis., Gayla Fleming of Zanesville, Ohio, Jennifer Carter, of Woodstock, Ga.; a son Troy Gillet of Fort Smith Ark.; her brother Roger Drury of Big Springs, Texas; a sister Betty Hooper of La Mesa Texas; and three grandchildren. Interment at Ruge Mortuary in Davenport, Iowa.

**Francis Deliere**, 56, of Chièvres, Belgium, died June 15 in Brussels. Deliere began his career with the Director of Logistics in



**Deliere**

1978 as a machinist. He is survived by his wife Sylviane, a son François and a daughter Aurlélie. He studied in Ath, then in Mons. His interests included gardening, sciences, motorcycles, cars and motorcycle racing.

**André Bruls**, 59, Schinnen, The Netherlands, died June 21. The retired driver for nearly every battalion commander for the 254th Base Support Battalion worked, served and supported the U.S. military community for 37 years before retiring last year.



**Bruls**

# WWII Soldier finally home

## Sgt. Puckett laid to rest in Ardennes Cemetery

Story and photos by J.D. Hardesty

NEUPRE, Belgium – After 60 years on the missing in action list, the name of Sgt. John T. 'Jack' Puckett, Company B, 394th Infantry Regiment, 99th Infantry Division can now finally be removed. He was laid to rest today in the World War II Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial, located near the southeast edge of Neupre, with full military honors.

His final resting place lay along side more than 5,300 other American brothers-in-arms who lost their lives fighting to liberate Europe in World War II, many in the Battle of the Bulge.

**"I'm lucky he was found.... I still miss him so."**

**Joann Bowman**

*Sgt. John T. Puckett's sister*

"I'm lucky he was found," said Joann Bowman, Puckett's sister who now lives in Pasadena, Calif. "I still miss him so.

"Belgium has been his home for 60 years," his sister said of the family's request that he be buried in the Ardennes Cemetery with his fellow Soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice fight for America's freedom. "I'm so happy of the people who have taken so much of their time to bring my brother home, he will be happier here in Belgium, he is home."

Puckett, who was born March 3, 1923 in Wichita, Kan., to Ray and Marie

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Above: With the tradition of full military honors, 39th Signal Battalion Soldiers serve as pall bearers for Sgt. John T. "Jack" Puckett, Company B, 394th Infantry Regiment, 99th Infantry Division was laid to rest today in the World War II Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial, located near the southeast edge of Neupré, with full military honors.

Left: Soldiers from the USAG Benelux fire a 21-gun salute June 18 for Sgt. John T. "Jack" Puckett, a WWII Soldier who was killed in Jan. 15, 1945 during the Battle of the Bulge.





**Col. Dean A. Nowowiejski**  
USAG Benelux Commander

It's summertime in the Benelux. 4th of July weekend is upon us. It's a time of recreation, travel, change, and perhaps a bit of remembrance. As we are either busy with the season, or in a process of transition, please use this short reminder to pause and reflect.

## Nowowiejski Notes

Thanks to you who are leaving our communities this summer for your contributions to making them better places to live, work, and thrive. As I reflect back over the spring, I can think of many people who have contributed much over the past year. I think of volunteers in such a variety of ways, new graduates, school teachers, chapel attendees, deploying Soldiers and the families they leave behind. I think of retirees who have lived here for years, and our many long-time host nation employees. I think of uniformed servicemembers who have done so much in their tours of duty now coming to an end. There are obviously so many more, but you get the idea – many of those who have helped us for years are in transition as I write this. Thanks to them and God speed. As we go through this season of changing jobs

and homes, PCS season, let's all pause and think of someone we need to recognize and thank. Then, let's all look for the newcomer who will be on our team here in the several Benelux communities. Please make them welcome, and help them learn how to live safely and happy in this corner of Europe. We have a bright future together.

### Independence Day - 229 years ago

We are a nation at war on this Independence Day. There are celebrations in Brussels, SHAPE, and the Tri-border. May you enjoy the day. Use this as an occasion to remember those serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Horn of Africa. I remember our own 79th Veterinary Detachment spread all over Afghanistan this 4th of July.

Use this also as an occasion for summer safety. Please keep in mind hydration to prevent heat injury, and

fire safety as you grill. Keep in mind the special precautions for swimming and diving. Know the water. Don't drink and swim. Take a buddy. Don't lock your pet in a car while you go inside, even for a minute. For some specific help, check the Off Duty link at [http://www.per.hqusareur.army.mil/services/safetydivision/usareur\\_summer\\_safety\\_campaign.htm](http://www.per.hqusareur.army.mil/services/safetydivision/usareur_summer_safety_campaign.htm). If you are driving on a leave of pass, remember that the minimum standard is to use the ASMIS-1 tool found on the Army Safety site.

Driving while you are tired can kill you as quickly as driving when you are intoxicated. Give yourself time to rest. First line supervisors are all responsible for conducting Oak Tree discussions with their military and civilian employees. Please don't become numb to these reminders. Our goal is no loss of life. Don't walk by a safety problem. Let's get to the next issue of this column alive.

## 229th celebration of American independence

### Independence Day Safety

1. Our Nation was founded by great visionaries who were willing to place the good of all Americans before their own needs. During our 229th celebration of independence, let us follow the example of our Nation's founders and place the good of the Army and our fellow Soldiers, civilian employees, and family members ahead of our own needs. Let us also take a moment to remember all our Americans who are deployed in either combat or peace enforcement operations. I thank each of you for your commitment and sacrifice.

2. As you celebrate our Nation's birthday, I'd ask that you keep the following in mind: So far this fiscal year USAREUR has lost five Soldiers, two DA civilians, and two family members to POV crashes. We also lost three Soldiers to substance abuse. These were all preventable tragedies. I therefore ask you to do the following over the upcoming holiday:

- Whether you are traveling or enjoying water sports or other activities, please take time to assess the risks. Pre-combat checks and inspections are required during deployment. Lives depend on these checks. Make similar checks on yourself and your family before you begin your holiday activities. These checks can make



**Gen. B. B. Bell**

the difference between life and death. For additional assistance, check the *Off-Duty* link on the USAREUR Safety Web site at [http://www.per.hqusareur.army.mil/services/safetydivision/usareur\\_summer\\_safety\\_campaign.htm](http://www.per.hqusareur.army.mil/services/safetydivision/usareur_summer_safety_campaign.htm).

- If you choose to drink alcohol, remember to drink responsibly and DO NOT DRIVE. Contact your unit prevention leader or the Army Substance Abuse Program office for more information on lowering your drinking risks. The old saying that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is still true.

3. Leaders, your involvement is key to keeping our Soldiers safe. Make sure your first-line leaders take time to meet with each of your Soldiers "Under the Oak Tree" for a one-on-one discussion and verbal contract. This contract is strictly verbal and does not require any paperwork. It's Soldier to Soldier. Unlike a

written contract, these meetings provide an excellent framework for leaders to have a dialogue with their Soldiers and to establish parameters for their off-duty activities and behavior. In addition to these informal meetings, perform the ASMIS-1 POV risk assessments required by the USAREUR 2005 Summer Safety Campaign before your Soldiers go on leave, pass, or TDY.

4. As you celebrate the Fourth of July, remember the fight for independence that led to the freedoms we cherish today. That tradition continues as we fight the Global War on Terrorism, and I am so very proud of each of you for your contributions to defending the principles on which our Nation was founded. Our goal continues to be *No Loss of Life*. With that goal as your watchword, have a great but safe Independence Day!

**B. B. BELL**  
General, US Army  
Commanding

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## Puckett from Page 1

Puckett, joined the Army in February 1943 at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and was shipped to the European Theater in the winter of 1944.

On Jan. 15th, 1945, Puckett's unit was on patrol searching a wooded area east of Elsenborn, Belgium when the patrol came under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire. He, along with several members of his unit was presumed to be killed in action because there was too much enemy activity in the area to recover the bodies. A year later, his status was changed to missing in action to deceased. The location of his remains was unknown until they were located in 1992 by members of the 99th MIA Project, a group of Belgian citizens who search for those members of the 99th still missing.

Members of the 99th MIA Project located and excavated an abandoned fighting position in the forest. The recovered remains and other artifacts were ultimately transferred to the Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii. In March of this year, the laboratory officially identified the remains as those of Sgt. Puckett along with a fellow Soldier, Pvt. Earnest E. Brown, Bristol, Va., who was buried last week in Bristol, Va.

José Schroeder, speaking on behalf of the 6th Battalion Fusiliers, the former Belgian Soldier explained the members of the 99th MIA project searching for those still listed as missing

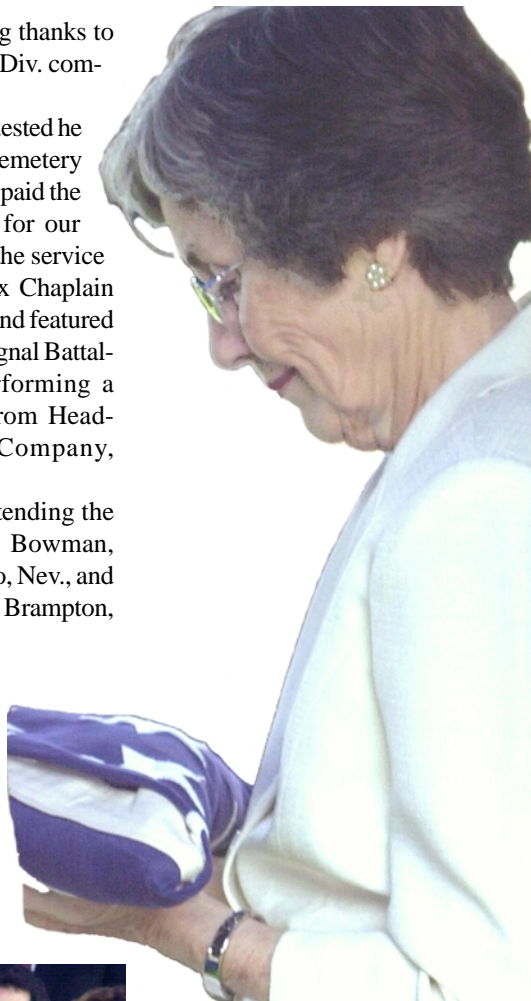
do it as "there way of saying thanks to John and all of his 99th Inf. Div. comrades."

Puckett's family, who requested he be buried in the Ardennes Cemetery with his fellow soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice fighting for our nation's freedom, attended the service officiated by USAG Benelux Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Byron Simmons, and featured pall bearers from the 39th Signal Battalion and a rifle squad performing a graveside 21-gun salute from Headquarters, Headquarters Company, USAG Benelux.

Other family members attending the service included Derek C. Bowman, Puckett's nephew from Reno, Nev., and Sherry Hughes, a niece from Brampton, Ontario, Canada.

"It took a long time, but it means a lot to us," said Derek Bowman about the funeral for the uncle he never met.

Of the 88,000 Americans missing in action from all conflicts, 78,000 are from World War II.



Above: Joanne Bowman smiles at the flag presented her during the graveside services.

Left: Bowman, second from left, looks at an American flag draped across the coffin of her brother, Sgt. John T. 'Jack' Puckett, Company B 394th Infantry Regiment, 99th Infantry Division, who was laid to rest June 18, in the Ardennes Cemetery. Seated second right is the nephew of the deceased Derek Bowman.



**Pallbearers from the 39th Signal Battalion carry Sgt. John T. 'Jack' Puckett, who was laid to rest on June 18, after 60 years on the missing in action list, to his final resting place along side more than 5,300 other American brothers-in-arms who lost their lives fighting to liberate Europe in World War II, many in the Battle of the Bulge.**



## Keep ID cards safe

By Robert Szostek

USAREUR OPM Public Affairs

Mannheim, Germany – Keeping your Department of Defense ID card safe at all times is clearly a good idea because losing one can diminish the security of your military community and make you vulnerable to scams or identity theft.

"An ID card is a very valuable document," said Lt. Col. Carol A. McKinney, Chief of Law Enforcement Operations at the USAREUR Office of the Provost Marshal. She also added that people need to remember that it is, after all, U.S. Government property. She therefore offered five useful tips on how to keep your card safe:

Keep your ID card on your person when you are out of the house. Never leave it in your car.

Keep it in something like a wallet or in a special ID pouch on a lanyard that goes around your neck. Don't just stick it in your pocket.

Always put your wallet or ID card in the same place when you are in the office or at home so that you know where it is when it is time to leave. And stick to that routine.

Never surrender your ID card to anyone except law enforcement or base security personnel. Never give it to club or gym personnel as a security.

Always go through your pockets before you throw clothes into the dirty washing basket. You will be surprised at what might turn up - like a missing ID card.

McKinney said you should turn in any ID cards found to the nearest Military Police Station as soon as possible. She also advises people to report lost ID card to the MPs immediately. "Treat your ID card as if it were a \$50 bill and you will be less likely to lose it," she concluded.

## Couples' getaway

The USAG Benelux Life Chaplain is hosting a couples' get-away to Brugge, Belgium Aug. 26-27, for all married couples. Cost is €10. For more info or to register call DSN 423-5653/5654.



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Deadline	Print Date	Deadline	Print Date	Deadline	Print Date	Deadline	Print Date
July 5	July 15	Aug. 8	Aug. 19	Sept. 6	Sept. 16	Oct. 11	Oct. 21
July 25	Aug. 5	Aug. 22	Sept. 2	Sept. 26	Oct. 7	Oct. 24	Nov. 4





# USAG Brussels Tri-Mission News

## USAG Brussels Calendar

**Independence Day Celebration,** Brussels American High School (NSA Sterrebeek), July 2, noon-6 p.m. Event starts with 5K run/walk at 7:15 a.m., soccer game, 11 a.m., and a softball tournament at 1 p.m. Other events scheduled. Info: DSN 368-9639.

**Kids Art Camp,** every Friday from July 1-Aug. 26, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., NSA Multi Crafts Center (registration required). Info: DSN 368-9629.

**Metro Madness Outing** to learn to use the public transport system to travel around the Brussels Capital Region July 20, 9:25 a.m.-2:30 p.m., ACS, NSA Bldg. 4. Limited to 10 people. Sign up at DSN 368-9783.

**Newcomer's Briefing,** July 18-19. For info call DSN: 368-9783.

**Army Career and Alumni Program,** Aug. 2-3, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at NSA, Bldg. 4, conference room. ACAP is open to all military members, their spouses, and civilian members contemplating leaving government service. For info call DSN 423-4904 or 368-9783.

## Information

**Flea Market Guidebook** have arrived at ACS, NSA Bldg. 4 top floor. The 2005 guide is complimentary to the Braderies and Brocantes around Belgium.

**Sponsorship Training:** One-on-one sponsorship training is available or training is available by going to the S- Gate sponsor training website at <https://www.sponsor-training.hqusareur.army.mil>. This site provides training for first time sponsors, as well as, good resources for trained sponsors.

## Offices Move

The **New Parent Education & Support Program Office** moved to NSA Bldg. 2, where the Chapel Library used to be. The phone number remains the same: 02 717-9684.

**Toddler Playgroup** will continue to run twice a week during the summer school break... but at a different location. Starting July 1, it will meet on Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. - noon in the new Performing Arts Center, Bldg. 4, NSA.

## Job Vacancy

Program Associate (Sports and Fitness) NF-0030-3, Regular full-time. Announcement number EUNAFCH 1040928A. Open until filled.

## USAG Brussels

# Garrison transition continues as Lt. Col. Kilroy takes command

By J.D. Hardesty

BRUSSELS -- As the NATO Support Activity continues its transition to U.S. Army Garrison Brussels, the leadership commanding the Tri-mission area transitioned June 21 from Lt. Col. Jon M. Davis to Lt. Col. Patrick J. Kilroy.

Col. Dean A. Nowowiejski, commander of the 80th Area Support Group, thanked Davis for handling such a diverse, complex and challenging command that works with multiple services to handle multiple missions.

Davis, a native of Augusta, Maine, commanded the 80th Area Support Group's battalion assets in the capital city for three years and served in the 80th ASG since 1997.

With 21 years of serving in the U.S. Army in various leadership and administrative positions, Davis will retire from military service.

"Our team has always amazed me," Davis said of the "Remarkable Soldiers, dedicated civilians work force supporting" his command. "And our team could not have a better Host Nation with all of the Brussels employees in the battalion 'always strived to do better. All credit for our battalion's success must go to them.'"

Davis spread accolades upon Morale Recreation and Wel-



PHOTO: J.D. Hardesty  
**Col. Dean A. Nowowiejski, commander of the USAG Benelux passes the guidon and with it command of USAG Brussels for the tri-mission area to Lt. Col. Patrick J. Kilroy.**

We support those missions and we share in those successes." Additionally, "we don't support NATO alone," he said. "We have Brussels American Schools providing support to the chil-

***"We don't support NATO alone... We have Brussels American Schools providing support to the children of those serving USAG Brussels and the NATO community and we are going to strengthen and sustain that relationship."***

**Lt. Col. Patrick J. Kilroy,  
Commander, USAG Brussels**

dren of those serving USAG Brussels and the NATO community and we are going to strengthen and sustain that relationship."

To sum up his vision for the garrison he stated, "Those sit-

ting here to day, you represent the best about USAG Brussels. Remember, you are part of a greater team."



**Lt. Col. Patrick J. Kilroy**

## Col. Nowowiejski: NSA 'a thing of the past'

By J.D. Hardesty

The change of command ceremony for NATO Support Activity also signified a change for the battalion-size element to a standard Army garrison.

With Lt. Col. Patrick J. Kilroy taking command of U.S. Army Garrison Brussels, "NSA is a thing of the past," said Col. Dean A. Nowowiejski, commander of the 80th Area Support Group that is transitioning to USAG Benelux.

Nowowiejski explained with the Installation Management Agency reconfiguring area support groups and base support battalions it puts "all garrisons on equal footing around the world" by standardizing manpower and supporting assets.

"A standard garrison organization will have the same staffing and common levels of support providing a quality of life similar throughout the world,

whether a Soldier is stationed in Korea or Belgium," Nowowiejski said. "For Brussels, transitioning to a garrison will increase the support to the communities you serve."

Additionally, as the command "strides toward a garrison future, the command will still focus on providing the American community with a safe and protected place to work with while enjoying a better life for all," he said.



# USAG Brussels Tri-Mission News



## Brigand wrestler joins Bulldogs

PHOTO: Courtesy USAG Brussels

Bryan Isbell signing a "National Letter of Intent" for wrestling with Truman State University. Sitting next to Bryan is his father, Don. Standing behind Bryan (L to R) is Brussels American School Head Wrestling coach, Joe Fiedler and Assistant Coach Lt. Col. Ron Battersby.

During Bryan's wrestling career at Brussels American School, he compiled a total record of 72-11. He was the 2005 European Wrestling Champion at 171 lbs and 2004 European Runner-up at 152 lbs. He was a three-time conference champion, three-time Wolfpack Champion, 2005 Ramstein Takedown Tournament Champion and voted Most Outstanding Wrestler. Bryan broke a 12-year Brussels school record for most takedowns in a season and broke the Brussels career takedown record.

Truman State is a Division II University in Kirksville, Missouri and is ranked in the top 20 nationally in wrestling. The head coach is Dave Schutter, in his 15th season as head coach. He has coached nine All-Americans and has had 25 wrestlers compete at the Div II National Championships. Coach Schutter says Bryan will wrestle at 174 for the Bulldogs and that he'll improve quickly because he has to work out with All-Americans at 157, 165 and 184.

## Club BAS shows off fine arts during talent show

The lobby and multi-purpose room of the Brussels American School were transformed into "Club BAS" May 27 for an evening of art and entertainment created and performed by the middle and high school students.

In addition to the fine arts displays, the community enjoyed a variety of music, song and dance from piano to jazz to pop rock to heavy metal, as well as short videos from the video production students. The Masters of Ceremony, Reese Bottesini and Jake Williamson, provided comic relief between the acts. The show finale, performed by the Class of 2005, rocked the audience with a riveting swing jazz number from the movie, "The Mask". S-s-s-smokin!



PHOTOS: Dorothy Nevins

The Class of 2005 finale, "Hey Pachuko!" from the movie, The Mask.



Mary Kate Marr, 7th grader, performance Ashlee Simpson's "Love Me for Me."

## Chièvres community to host triathlon meet

### Training key to successful finish

By J.D. Hardesty

Chièvres will host a Triathlon Sept. 2-4, where physical fitness enthusiasts will test their mettle.

Those wishing to participate from the USAG Benelux community should start training early, according to Chièvres resident Florence Crowet, a

seven-time qualifier to the Ironman Triathlon Championships in Hawaii who has won over 70 triathlons spanning her 15-year career.

While the three-day triathlon will have events for youth, beginners and an open class, "Everyone still needs to train for the three events," Crowet said.

She recommends an initial training regiment of one event per day, swimming 100 meters on Monday, bik-

ing 20 kilometers on Tuesday and running five kilometers on Wednesday, then repeat the workouts for the rest of the week, adding distance to each workout over the course of a month.

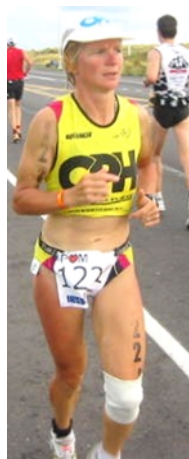
"After training for 30 days, competitors should start combining events such as swimming with biking, swimming with running or biking and running, but be careful not to follow an aerobic workout like biking and running with swimming," said Crowet who participates in the 40-45 age group. The temperature change by swimming after such a workout could cause serious injury.

Crowet explained nutrition is also key to developing a level of fitness to compete as she stays away from "spirits and red meat" and focuses on fruits and vegetables.

While triathlons are a multinational event, "We are like one team...a team of competitors," she said. "We've had people participate in the Chièvres Triathlon from all over Europe, Australia and America.

"A triathlon is a personal challenge," she said. "I wanted to invite the Benelux community to participate because I see Americans and other military always running and staying fit."

Deadline for registration is Aug. 28. More information and registration forms are available at <http://www.enduranceteam.be>. She said the information will be available in English soon.



PHOTOS: Courtesy of Florence Crowet

Left: Florence Crowet competes in the Ironman Triathlon Championships in Hawaii. Crowet, a Chièvres resident, has competed in triathlons for 15 years and has qualified for the Ironman Championship seven times. Right: Runners race through the streets of Chièvres, just one of three events that will be held Sept. 2-4.



# USAG Schinnen Tri-Border News

## AFNORTH Class of 2005



Photos by Sylvia Bowron

Top left, Kris Miranda, AFNORTH Class 2005 Valedictorian, addresses fellow students. Above, the AFNORTH Class of 2005, move tassels from the left to right side, a ceremonial sign of graduation. Middle left, Monique Fuller and Michael Wigley take turns reading messages from parents and family members.

### Class Quote

*"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands during challenges and controversy."*

- Martin Luther King

### Class of 2005 ready for the future

Fifty six students from AFNORTH International School graduated June 10, in a commencement ceremony held in Sittard, The Netherlands.

Family members, faculty, friends and honored guests joined Charmaine Martel, Canadian Principal and Doug Carlson, U.S. Principal, in honoring the achievements of the class of 2005.

Karla Carlson, U.S. and Mallory Troup, Canadian, were named class salutatorians for their respective sections and Kris Miranda was named class valedictorian.

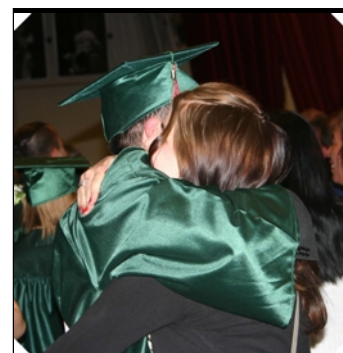
Miranda spoke to his class about the future and the value of dreams. He told his fellow classmates in his commencement speech, "We need to have dreams to fulfill and pursue. It's the only way to live."

Lt. Col. Gregory Kessler, Commander, 470<sup>th</sup> Air Base Squadron, NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, was guest speaker for the event. He spoke to the graduates about the value of setting goals and continuing to do so as each were obtained.

Messages of love, hope, memories and encour-

agement written by parents and family members were read during the ceremony. Graduates listened intently as their fellow classmates shared these heartfelt words written by their loved ones. Throughout each were the themes of love and hope, encouraging words to these young adults knocking on destiny's door.

The room erupted in applause as Carlson made his ceremonial introduction with these words "Ladies and gentlemen I present to you the AFNORTH International School graduating class of 2005."



**A graduate gets a well-deserved hug of congratulations after the commencement program.**

## AFNORTH International School, Brunssum Graduating Class 2005

Raymond Aguon  
Christopher Alward  
Thurid Bahr  
Kyle Bardell  
Bryent Blankenship  
Tarja Cajudo  
Schyler Carbone  
Kayla Carlson  
Fredrick Cheetham  
Timothy Dalton  
Jérémie Fortin  
Monique Fuller  
Melanie Galante  
Matthew Garcia

Caleb Gibson  
Matthew Hall  
Meghan Harnett  
John Hartmann  
Daniel Hastings  
Jenny Housel  
Terrell Johnson  
Roger Jordon  
Michael Kincaid  
Brianna Kremblas  
Melanie Krueger  
Verena Kutz  
Simon Larose  
Noemie Lavigne

Joshua Leonard  
Drake Mailes  
Lee McGrath  
Andrew McNaughton  
Jonathan Miller  
Shawn Miller  
Kris Miranda  
Fallon Murphy  
Adrian Nieto  
Samantha Nolt  
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Stian Standahl  
Brandon Stevick  
Tyler Sutherland  
Anette Thoresen  
Mallory Troup  
Alyx Turner-Baggs  
Lisa Wallace  
Emmanuel Waters  
Michael Wigley  
Heidi Wilhelm  
Richard Wilson



# USAG Schinnen Tri-Border News

## *Army 230th birthday celebrated at Schinnen*



U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Schinnen held a Flag Raising and Cake Cutting Ceremony June 14, on post to honor the Army's 230th Birthday.

More than 100 Soldiers, DoD civilians, local national employees and guests turned out to enjoy the morning's events. Lt. Col. Rick Richardson, USAG Schinnen Commander, addressed the crowd and spoke about the patriots who were inspired and banded together on June 14, 1775, to fight for their ideals of freedom and justice.

"Our Soldiers' achievement of these ideals is made possible by the values they possess," said Richardson. "Loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. These values have sustained our Army through the generations, and they will continue to be the foundation upon which our Soldiers will stand-ready to fight and win our Nation's wars."

Mr. Frans Beckers, Mayor of the Municipality of Schinnen, attended the ceremony and presented Richardson with a proclamation proclaiming June 14, as the first-ever Army Appreciation Day in the Municipality of Schinnen, The Netherlands.

As a patriotic salute to the flag was read, the USAG Schinnen Color Guard lead by Sgt. Tommy Shoup raised the flag to honor both the Army's 230th Birthday and to commemorate Flag Day.

At the conclusion of the event, all were invited in to the foyer of the headquarters building, where the



Photos by Sylvia Bowron

**Left, USAG Schinnen Color Guard raises the American flag at the garrison's 230th Army birthday celebration. Above, Mayor F. Beckers, of Schinnen, presents Lt. Col. Rick Richardson, the municipality's first-ever proclamation designating June 14, as Army Appreciation Day.**

Garrison's most senior Soldier, Lt. Col. Scott Borderud, and the Garrison's youngest Soldier, Pfc. Joshua Bilanka, cut the Army birthday cake.



Sheila Lee and Ed Carter, AFAP coordinators have provided the following update to two issues from the USAG Schinnen AFAP Conference held March 10-11. More issues will be publicized as information is provided and space allows.

The first issue involves the Schinnen Sports Center and the issue of cost to use the facility. The concerned community member sited the Scouts having trouble to hold assemblies at the Sports Center due to payment of "extreme prices" to use the facility. "If Schinnen is our base why is it that it is so expensive to use it?"

Conference members' recommended to lower the prices or allow the scouts to use it for free.

The following response came from Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recre-

## AFAP coordinators provide updates

ation. The reason there is a user fee for rental of the Sports Center is that it is a NAF facility and needs to be maintained; therefore a fee is required for all users. The charge of \$25.00 per day is a reasonable price for the use of the building. MWR feels that the prices are already as low as possible and it cannot afford to let anyone use the facility for free. NAF facilities need to generate income to be maintained.

The next topic of concern was eye appointments. The problem cited was that civilians and family members are having difficulty getting an appointment when the Optometrist is at Geilenkirchen and it is very hard to get to Bitburg/Spangdahlem.

Conference members' recommendations were for the clinic to set aside 25 available appointments for family members and civilians and to have a shuttle bus take service members, family members, and civilians to Bitburg and back.

The following response was provided from 470th Medical Flight. Once per quarter, an optometrist from the 52d Medical Detach-

ment Group at Spangdahlem visits Geilenkirchen to see patients for eye exams. Active duty patients have priority, as well as patients with medical needs such as glaucoma and diabetes. However, many people don't realize that spouses and children of active duty service members are entitled to an annual optometry visit on the local economy.

Dependents choosing to use this option should call/visit the TRICARE Service Center at the US Clinic, Geilenkirchen and we can help you set up your routine eye exam appointment with the local ophthalmologist. Please note that patients do not need to visit their Primary Care Manager (PCM) to visit the local ophthalmologist as long as it is strictly for a routine eye exam. If patients receive a billing notice, they should report to TRICARE immediately so the bill can be paid. If the patient brings a completed claim form to the eye appointment, then the provider will bill TRICARE directly for the services.



# USAG Schinnen Tri-Border News

## USAG Schinnen Local Calendar

### Commissary closure dates

The Schinnen Commissary will be closed Tuesday, July 5, for the installation of new registers and will open at 10 a.m. on July 6. The store will also be closed, Tuesday, July 19, and will re-open at noon on July 20, in preparation for the grand reopening and ribbon cutting ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Friday, July 22. The doors to the newly remodeled commissary will open for business at 10 a.m.

### Dates set for sports physicals

The Geilenkirchen Clinic will conduct sports physicals Aug. 15 - 26. All required forms are available at the high school. Don't be left out. Call now to make your appointment and be sure to take the forms with you. Be sure to update all shots at that time.

Physicals are good for one school year for sports participation in any or all of the three sports seasons.

### Contract positions open

Contract positions at the Army Community Service (ACS), USAG, Schinnen, The Netherlands are open. Positions are: Family Advocacy Program

Educator, Exceptional Family Member Program Coordinator, Army Family Team Building Coordinator, Army Family Action Plan Coordinator, Deployment Readiness Program Coordinator and Information and Referral Coordinator. All positions are 40 hours per week.

For information call DSN 360-7452 or comm. at 0031 (0)46 443-7452.

### Summer Programs offered

U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen Child and Youth Services are offering several summer recreation programs for youth from 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Programs began June 20 through Aug. 19, with weekly themes and daily activities.

Program activities include cultural and educational field trips, swimming, arts and crafts, songs, games and individual group activities. The summer programs provide high energy, high impact and fun activities for youth of all ages. The programs are directed toward specific age groups.

For information on the School Age Services programs (grades 1 (completed) - 5) call DSN 364-3004 or 0031

(0)45 526-3004 and for information on the Middle School and Teen programs, call DSN 364-3008 or 0031 (0)45 526-3008. The contact number for information on the High School program is DSN364-3033 or 0031 (0)45 526-3033.

### MWR Day Trips

**Paris** - July 23, \$49

**Movie Park Germany** - Aug. 13, \$60 (includes entrance fee)

**London** - Aug. 27, \$79 On arrival, city tour by bus, then free time to explore.

**Luxembourg** - Sep. 10, \$35 Guided city tour, free shopping/sightseeing time.

**Weekend Express to Karlovy Vary & Prague** - Sep. 24-26, \$119

For information on these trips, stop by the Schinnen Fitness Center, or call DSN 360-7561 or comm. 0031 (0)46 443-7561.

### Park and Sell Flea Market

A Park and Sell Flea Market will be held the second Saturday of each month now through October at the Dental Clinic Parking Lot on the Geilenkirchen NATO Base from 10 a.m. to noon. The market is open to all NATO ID cardholders.

The scheduled dates are: July 9, Aug. 13, Sep. 10 and Oct. 8. There is a \$5 non-refundable fee for sellers. To reserve a space stop by Bldg. 104 Room 4 or simply show up. For more details, call 0049 024 5163-2258.

## Leisure Activities

**July 8-10: North Sea Jazz Festival**, Netherlands Congress Center, The Hague. The Hague will once again open its doors to the 30<sup>th</sup> edition of the North Sea Jazz Festival, traditionally one of the highlights of the European cultural season.

**July 14 - August 21: Beurs van Berlage**, Amsterdam. An exhibition that highlights the international success of Dutch design. July 14 - Aug. 21, the exhibition *The foreign affairs of Dutch design* will be on display at the Beurs van Berlage in Amsterdam. This exhibition highlights the international success of contemporary Dutch graphic design, fashion, product design, interior design and furniture design.

**July 19-July 22: Four-Day Marches**, Nijmegen. Thousands of soldiers and civilians will complete a tour-the-force during the 89th edition of the International Four-Day Marches Nijmegen. During these four days, the participants will walk distances of 30, 40 or 50 kilometers per day. During the 'Four-Day Festival', the city is abuzz with activities.

**Shopping in Maastricht, 2005.** "Sunday-Shopping days" in 2005: Every first Sunday of the Month Opening hours: 12.00 - 17.00

**Thru Sept. 2: Cheese Market Alkmaar**, in the center of Alkmaar, NL. where the bearers wear the traditional costumes of their guild and visitors will also find demonstrations of Old Crafts. Cheese has been weighed in Alkmaar since 1635. Cheese carriers carry thousands of kilos of cheese from the Waagplein square to the weighing house every

Friday from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. from mid-April to mid-Sept. Incidentally, the cheese market is for tourists only; the real cheese trading takes place on the exchange nowadays.

**Thru Sept. 4: Mummies**, a spectacular exhibition of mummies at Rijksmuseum van Oudheden in Leiden (NL). Entry: Euro 6; children (6-17) Euro 5.50. Information: [www.rmo.nl](http://www.rmo.nl).

**Thru Nov. 1:** The historic *Castle of Arcen* (NL) has opened its *gardens, castle and park* to the public again. The large estate has a rosarium with 10 different rose gardens, fir woods with native plants, ferns, moss and fungus, a large lake, creeks and waterfalls. The park has also many animals and a large playground. Open daily May-Sept., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Oct. 1-Nov. 1, 10 a.m.-to 5 p.m. and. Entry: Euro 12; Children (4-14) Euro 5. Info: [www.kasteeltuinen.nl](http://www.kasteeltuinen.nl).

**Thru July 2 - Sept. 18: Van Gogh Museum**, Amsterdam, NL. This summer (July 2 to Sept. 18, 2005) the Van Gogh Museum will present some of the finest drawings by Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890). This representative survey of over one hundred of Van Gogh's many drawings reveals the full extent of his remarkable talent as a draughtsman. The works have been brought together from public and private collections throughout the world with major loans from the J. Paul Getty Museum, the National Gallery of Art in Washington, the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, the Kunsthaus Zürich and the Museum of Fine Arts in Budapest. For more information on these and other events going on in The Netherlands log onto [www.holland.com](http://www.holland.com)



## JFC Alliance Theater

**July 1, 7:30 p.m. Amityville Horror.** Starring Jimmy Bennett, Ryan Reynolds. Rated R. 89 min. In 1974, police discovered the entire DeFeo family all slaughtered with a .35 caliber as they slept calmly in their beds. Ronald DeFeo confessed to methodically murdering his parents and four siblings, and claimed it was the 'voices' that told him to do it. A year later, George and Kathy Lutz and their three children moved into the house, thinking it was going to be their dream home.

### July 2, No Movie

**July 8, 7:30 p.m. Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous.** Starring Sandra Bullock, Regina King. Rated PG. 115 min. The story catches up with FBI agent Gracie Hart shortly after she successfully disarmed a threat against the Miss U.S. Pageant while working undercover as a contestant. When her friends, pageant winner Cheryl and emcee Stan, are kidnapped in Las Vegas, she wants to save them, but the FBI top brass feels she might not be up to the job any more.

**July 9, 4 p.m. Robots.** Animated with the voices of Ewan McGregor, Halle Berry, Robin Williams. Rated PG. 90 min. Rodney Copperbottom is an idealistic

robot who wants to convince his electronic brethren to come together and work toward making the world a better place. As the story unfolds, he falls for a female executive robot, faces opposition from y Big Weld and finds some unlikely allies called the Rusties.

**7 p.m. The Interpreter.** Starring Nicole Kidman, Sean Penn. Rated PG-13. 128 min. Sylvia alleges that she has overheard a death threat against an African head of state. In an instant Sylvia's life is turned upside down as she becomes a hunted target of the killers. Placed under the protection of federal agent Tobin, they must depend on another, as the danger of a major assassination on U.S. soil grows.

**July 10, 1 p.m. Guess Who.** Starring Bernie Mac, Ashton Kutcher. Rated PG-13. 104 min. Percy is taking no chances with his daughter Theresa's future. Even before he meets Simon, her latest boyfriend, Percy has him checked out. On paper, he passes with flying colors. But there's one thing the credit report didn't tell him; Simon is white. Not that there's anything wrong with that, unless of course, Simon wants to marry his daughter. Which he does.



# Units can recover medical costs, lost wage dollars

The Affirmative Claims Section at the Northern Law Center, SHAPE, Belgium collects money on behalf of both medical clinics and commanders. If they know how to provide the information we need, we can put money back into their budgets!

Under the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act and AR 27-20, when members of the Armed Forces or their family members suffer injuries caused by another's negligence, the United States may recover the costs of medical care provided by the Government.

The Northern Law Center needs information from the injured party to launch the collection action. For that purpose, we send an Injured Party Questionnaire to soldiers who receive accident-related medical treatment. Collections are made from the insurer of the person causing the accident, not from the injured party or individual soldiers.



Since 23 September 1996, the law also allows recoupment of lost wages. Recovered funds return to the Operation & Maintenance Account (Q&M) of the unit to which the service member belonged at the time of the injury.

The injured party can help claims professionals to recover lost wages by providing the Northern Law Center with the following:

- A copy of service member's LES
- Evidence of the total number of days the service member was unable to perform duty, such as a DD Form 689 showing convalescent leave.
- The fund cite for the unit's O&M Account.

Units can provide all of this information. Contact the claims personnel at the Northern Law Center, Bldg 318 on SHAPE, or call DSN 423-4061 for questions or additional information.

## U.S. Army NATO holds Safety Day

### Story and Photo from U.S. Army NATO

If you drove past the SHAPE Health Clinic on Ancarta Road on June 9, you were sure to see quite a sight! There were 15 tents spread out, from Ancarta Road to behind the Green Gym.

U.S. Army NATO was having a "Safety Day." Soldiers in the Brigade Headquarters Company spent the day, designed as a stand-down day, in support of Summer Safety.

The tents behind the clinic had representatives from agencies in the community teaching classes on summer safety.

Classes included water safety, STD awareness, safe travel, domestic violence prevention, fire safety, safe driving, and suicide prevention.

Sgt. 1st Class Carl Wilkerson, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the event, said, "All agencies involved were very helpful and eager to participate."

Safety is a very significant priority in U.S. Army NATO.

In January, Staff Sgt. Mark Sowell became the Brigade's first ever safety officer - a primary duty with an important mission.

During Safety Day, Sowell taught a class on risk management. When asked for his thoughts on the day he responded, "I think sometimes we don't think about certain hazards that could occur when we are involved in different activities and work. Safety Day was one way of waking us up and making us think."

Participants rotated between the stations at pre-designated times. Chaplain Brett Travis, who led the

suicide prevention training, liked the small group atmosphere. He said, "I have never been to safety training like that before. Having small groups rotate like that enabled people to ask questions and learn more. It was great."



**Colleen Thompson, of SHAPE Trips and Tours, teaching a class on travel safe during U.S. Army NATO's "Safety Day."**

ball game. The games pitted soldiers in SHAPE Bn. against the Headquarters Brigade soldiers. "It brought esprit de corps within the unit," said 1st Sgt. Mary Jones. After a close game, the soldiers in the Headquarters Brigade took home the trophy after a 17-12 win.

According to Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Figueroa, the unit's command sergeant major, "In all, Safety Day was a resounding success for the soldiers, civilians, and family members in U.S. Army NATO who were able to participate."

## SHAPE / Chièvres Local Calendar

**Chièvres Library Summer Reading Program**, June 20-July 29. Info: DSN 361-5767.

**Prime Time Lounge** - "Cook-your-own" steak night, July 1 and 8, starting 6 p.m., \$13 or euro 13. Drinks are not included. The PTL is on Daumerie Caserne. Info: DSN 361-5540.

**Senior NCO Safety Orientation Course** is in Chièvres, July 6-8. To sign up contact Rudy Magain, DSN 361-5561, or rudy.magain@benelux.army.mil; or Patricia Lobert, 361-5535, or patricia.lobert@benelux.army.mil.

**"Le Plan Incline de Ronquieres"** a special cultural adaptation trip sponsored by Army Community Service's relocation program is a large boat lift located between Charleroi and Brussels. Transportation is provided. Info: DSN 423-4332.

**4th of July Celebration** on SHAPE, July 2 from noon-11:30 p.m. Morale, Welfare and Recreation is still looking for talents for the SHAPE/Chièvres Idol Contest (Karaoke). Prizes. Info: DSN 361-5904.

**New Book release party** at the Chièvres Library: "Harry Potter & the Half-Blood Prince" on Saturday, July 23 from 1-3 p.m. Refreshments provided. DSN 361-6013.

**Running Track Off Limits:** Since June 29, for approximately 3 weeks, the contractor will finish the rubberized coating and paint lines on the outdoor running track around the sports field located behind the Community Activity Center (CAC) on Chièvres Air Base. Do not use the outdoor running track and sports field during this period. The materials used by the contractor will need time to cure and foot traffic will ruin the surface. If more information is needed please call DPW at 361-5551/5292 or call GSM 0474 88 4214.

## Job opportunities/ Volunteers needed

**MWR** is hiring personnel for *Chievres Boarding Kennel*. Please contact DSN 361-5781 to apply.

**Army Community Service Office** on SHAPE is hiring a *Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service (SITES) Manager* to provide assistance to the Relocation Readiness Program Manager. For further information please contact the ACS Relocation Program Manager directly at DSN 423-4332.

**The BENELUX-wide Command Master Religious Program** for Fiscal Year 2006 may award nonpersonal service contracts for the following services:

Service(s)	Supporting
Parish Coordinator	SHAPE, Catholic Parish
Religious Ed Coord(s)	SHAPE, JFC, NSA Chièvres
Musician(s) (Organist/Pianist/Choir Dir.)	SHAPE, JFC, NSA, Daumerie

Catholic Priest Coverage	SHAPE & JFC
Watch Care Services	SHAPE, NSA, JFC, Chièvres
Part time Secretary	CMD Chaplain, SHAPE

Those interested in volunteering to provide services or bid on a contract, a response form is available from any Chaplain. Please mail completed form to the Chaplain Resource Manager (CRM) at Daumerie Caserne at Box 2233, APO AE 09708. Info: DSN 361-5888 or civilian: 068.27.5888.

**SHAPE Girl Scouts** needs adult volunteers to be leaders, co-leaders and committee members for the 2005-2006 season. Girl Registration will begin on August 27 at Fun Fest. Contact shapegsa@yahoo.com for info.